

XII. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO FINANCIAL MATTERS

POLICIES RELATED TO PAYMENT FOR SERVICE (34 CFR 303.520)

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is responsible for policies related to payment of Early intervention Services for eligible children. These policies are consistent with the funding policies as outlined in 34 CFR 303.520 (b).

All Early Intervention services are provided at no cost to parents.

Proceeds from public or private insurance (Sec. 303.520 (d)).

The State of Missouri assures that proceeds from public or private insurance are not treated as program income for purposes of 34 CFR 80.25 and if a public agency spends reimbursements from Federal funds (e.g., Medicaid) for Early Intervention services, those funds are not considered State or local funds for purposes of the provisions contained in Sec. 303.124.

FEES (34 CFR 303.521)

The State of Missouri assures that fees are not charged for the services that a child is otherwise entitled to receive at no cost to parents and that the inability of parents to pay for services will not result in the denial of services to a child or the child's family. Services that are not subject to fees include: child find activities; evaluation and assessment; service coordination; and administrative and coordinative activities related to the development, review, and evaluation of IFSPs and implementation of the procedural safeguards.

All First Steps providers must be recognized and enrolled providers with the state's Medicaid agency for those services covered under the state's Medicaid State Plan. For those children who are eligible or enrolled in Medicaid, the cost for services incurred in the eligibility determination process, IFSP planning and development, and service delivery for those covered services will be paid for by Medicaid.

ENROLLMENT IN MEDICAID AND USE OF PART C FUNDS (34 CFR 303.527)

Federal regulations for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act stipulate that funds under this part are to be used only for early intervention services that an eligible child needs but is not currently entitled to under any other Federal, State, local, or private source.

IDENTIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF RESOURCES (34 CFR 303.522)

DESE is responsible for the identification and coordination of all available resources for early intervention services within the state, including those from Federal, State, local and private sources and updating the information on funding sources if a legislative or policy change occurs.

The Federal funding sources available for the Part C program include:

1. Title V of the Social Security Act (relating to Maternal and Child Health);
2. Title XIX of the Social Security Act (relating to the General Medicaid Program and EPSDT);
3. The Head Start Act;
4. Parts B and C of the IDEA;
5. The Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, (PL 94-103); and,
6. other Federal Programs, including but not limited to Title XXI, the state Children's Health Insurance Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Title IV, the Child Care Development Fund, Early Head Start, etc.